

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2007. The Office Action was a restriction requirement between Group I (a method of repairing a fractured wrist of claims 21-24) and Group II (a method of repairing a fracture in or adjacent a long bone at a joint of claims 25-38, 40 and 41). Noting that a wrist and an elbow are both examples of a joint adjacent a long bone, Applicant elects Group II, without traverse. Claims 21-23 are amended into Group II, and claim 24 depends from claim 23.

The Office Action further included a species restriction between the different outrigger embodiments of:

- I. Figures 1 and 3-6
- II. Figures 2 and 7
- III. Figures 8-10.

Applicant responsive elects the outrigger embodiment of Figures 8-10, without traverse. All of claims 21-38, 40 and 41 read on the elected embodiment.

The application containing claims 21-38, 40 and 41 is in condition for initial examination. Consideration and initial examination is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way assist in allowance of the application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2998.

Respectfully submitted,

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